

Unintended/Teen Pregnancies Fact Sheet

Healthy People 2010 Goal:

- To reduce the adolescent pregnancy rate to 43 pregnancies per 1000 population.
- To increase condom use at first intercourse to 75% among unmarried young women age 15-17 years.
- To decrease sexual intercourse among adolescents of less than 15 years old to 12% and among adolescents of age 15-17 years old to 25%.

Consequences:

- Babies of teenage mothers are more likely to result in infant death and other poor pregnancy outcomes.
- Unintended pregnancy increases the likelihood of child and maternal illness. Social consequences can be measured in unintended births, reduced educational attainment and employment opportunity, greater welfare dependency, and increased potential for child abuse.

Prevalence in Indiana:

- In 2002, the age specific pregnancy rates for 15-17 years old was 27.3 per 1,000 females of that age group and age specific pregnancy rates for 18-19 years old was 92.2 per 1,000 females of that age group.
- Top five counties with the greatest number of pregnancies to 18-19 year olds are Marion (148.5), Jackson (144.8), Rush (127.7), Greene (118.4), and Scott (117.9).
- Thirty eight percent of high school students are currently sexually active (nationally, the rate was 34.3%) (2003 YRBS)
- 55.4% of the high school students reported having used condom during last sexual intercourse (nationally the rate was 63%) (2003 YRBS).
- Based on the 2002 Indiana State Department of Health Free Pregnancy Test Program (outreach program to women of child bearing age to get them into the health care system), 82.6% of teens (under 20 years) did not want to become pregnant.

Trends toward meeting the Healthy People 2010 Goal:

Between 1999 and 2002,

- Although there is a steady decline in the age specific pregnancy rates in teenage women, black teenage pregnancies continue to be higher than white teenage pregnancies (106.1 per 1000 females versus 47.4 per 1000 females for 15-19 years age group).
- Of the 92 counties with 20 or more pregnancies to 15-17 year olds, Clay (48.1), Marion (47.4) and LaPorte (43.3) were above the Healthy People 2010 year goal. The age specific teenage pregnancy rate for Indiana women of age 18-19 years was above the Healthy People 2010 goal (See table).

Age Specific Pregnancy Rates by Age of Mother, 1999 through 2002: Indiana				
Year	Age			
	10-14 years	15-17 years	18-19 years	Healthy People 2010 Goal
1999	1.1	*	*	43
2000	1	32	96.5	43
2001	0.9	28.7	90.4	43
2002	0.9	27.3	92.2	43
Source: 1999-2002 Indiana Natality Report. Indiana State Department of Health. Rates for specific age groups are per 1,000 females in that age group. * Data not stable				

